

## **REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 1-24 are currently pending.

Claims 1, 7-11, and 15-17 have been amended. Claims 18-24 have been withdrawn. No claims have been cancelled or added.

Therefore, claims 1-17 are now presented for examination.

## **Election**

The Examiner has required restriction to one of Group I (claims 1-18 – grant generator for a switching network arrangement), Group II (claims 19-22 – method for scheduling service), or Group III (claims 23-24 – binary round robin tree cell circuit), finding that Group II is a subcombination of Group I and that Group III is a subcombination of Group I.

Without any concession regarding the substance of the restriction requirement, Applicant elects **Group I (claims 1-18)**. Applicant withdraws Groups II and III, claims 19-22.

Of Group I, Applicant also at this time withdraws claim 18, thus providing **claims 1-17** for examination.

## **Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the claims be allowed.

**Invitation for a Telephone Interview**

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (503) 439-8778 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

**Request for an Extension of Time if Needed**

The Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be needed. Please charge any fee to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

**Charge our Deposit Account**

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Respectfully submitted,

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